

--- 1/2 Pound - “Plug Tobacco” - *fine roulette* - 89 x 26 mm. ---

This listing contains no dated use of **RM-393** the one-half pound stamp for “Plug Tobacco”. The indeterminate hidden letters are “P-L”, and the die was probably approved in 1935. BABN records indicate that the plate was prepared for 50 stamps - (probably 5 x 10).



★ **RM-393n** - 1/2 pound, black, *fine roulette*, without control numbering

Under the March 1943 Budget the excise tax on manufactured tobacco was increased from 1¢ to 2¢ per ounce or fraction thereof and BABN overprinted their obsolete sheets of **RM-393**, the *fine roulette* 1/2 pound stamp, with a central dark blue 6½ mm. serified Gothic figure and 4 mm. Gothic letters **5 POUNDS**, adding 4 mm. *killer* Gothic figure **5** at the corners, plus the 2½ and 1½ mm. dark blue 1943 Gothic surcharge **\$1.60 / EXCISE TAX** as **RM-474**. The last example listed is taken from the Brandom illustration. The control numbers may come either from the unissued 1/2 pound sequence, or from the overprinted 5 pound sequence. The collection copy of **RM-474** is heavily varnish coated.



★ **RM-474** - 1/2 pound, black, *fine roulette*, control **0036201**,
RM-393 overprinted **5 POUNDS** and surcharged **\$1.60 / EXCISE TAX**

0019725	RM-474	5 POUNDS and \$1.60 / EXCISE TAX on 1/2 pound, <i>fine roulette</i> , rolled 1-10-D
0036201 ★	RM-474	5 POUNDS and \$1.60 / EXCISE TAX on 1/2 pound, <i>fine roulette</i> , varnish coated
0041574	RM-474	5 POUNDS and \$1.60 / EXCISE TAX on 1/2 pound, <i>fine roulette</i> , rolled 1-10-D

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